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Outgoing quarantine transactions.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Hobdy reports, May 4:

Week ended April 18:	
Vessels fumigated and certified	51
Vessels certified	75
Week ended April 25:	
Vessels fumigated and certified	49
Vessels certified	78

Statistics of plague at Seattle, Wash.

The last case of plague at Seattle died October 30, 1907.

*Reports from Seattle, Wash.—Plague-prevention work—Plague rats—
Fumigation of vessels.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Glover reports:

SEATTLE, WASH.

Week ended May 2, 1908.

Rats received	1, 359
Rats necropsied	1, 236
Rats found plague infected	1
Plague-infected rats to date	10
Vessels fumigated	3

May 5. There have been 6 rats identified as having plague since March 25. Of these, 3 were from the old depot block between Columbia and Yesler way and Western and Railroad avenues; 1 was from block between Marion and Madison streets and Western and Railroad avenues; 1 was from the tide flats in the neighborhood of First avenue and Holgate street, and 1 was from the water front somewhere between Madison and Pike streets. These 2 latter were bounty rats, and presumably caught under piling or around refuse dumps. The other rats were caught by the city rat catchers and were trapped in business houses.

Report of the work done in the plague laboratory for the month of April.

During the month 4,724 rats were delivered at the laboratory, of which 4,091 were examined post-mortem, and 69 were submitted to cultural or inoculation tests, or both. Five rats have been proven plague infected. Three of these were delivered in the latter part of March, the other two during the current month. Three of the rats were found in the old depot block at the foot of Columbia street, in the center of the water front. One was found in an indeterminate locality a few blocks to the north. The last rat was brought from the dumps on the tide flats in the neighborhood of First avenue and Holgate street, a little over a mile south of the first-mentioned focus of infection. Most of the rats are delivered under the bounty system. In addition, the city employs 5 rat catchers, and these work on areas which have not been covered by the bounty men, or which for any reason are deemed by the sanitation department to merit special attention. An effort is made to systematically cover the water front, business